



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Join me at the 23rd Annual Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race

Bayfield— Rep. Beth Meyers (D-Bayfield) encourages residents and visitors to visit to the Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race, the largest sled dog race in the Midwest, on Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4, 2018, near Bayfield. The event draws participants from across the US and Canada and involves multiple races through the forests of the Bayfield Peninsula.

“I am so proud to represent Bayfield and the surrounding communities in the State Legislature. The vitality, creativity, and unique splendor of our region is exemplified by events like the Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race. This race is sure to be an unforgettable experience for all those who attend,” said Rep. Meyers.

The Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race is in its 23rd year and has become a wintertime staple for Bayfield area residents and tourists alike. Winter sports enthusiasts and dog lovers travel from near and far to experience this one-of-a-kind event. Although it may seem surprising that Wisconsin’s smallest city hosts the Midwest’s largest sled dog race, Bayfield’s reliable winter snowfalls, beautiful hilly terrain, and welcoming community of outdoor enthusiasts make it the perfect location.

Rep. Meyers and her grandson, Keagan, had the opportunity to participate in a dog sled ride through Wolfsong Adventures in Bayfield earlier this month. Wolfsong is a local gem, nestled in the hills overlooking Lake Superior with access to some of the best dogsledding trails in the region. Owners John and Mary Thiel are two highly experienced outdoor adventurers who helped organize and initiate the Apostle Islands Dog Sled Race and have been integral to the event since its inception.

“Keagan and I were thrilled to experience a trip with Wolfsong’s well-trained, happy dogs. These dogs are impressive athletes in their own unique way. Our Wolfsong trip gave me a new appreciation for the upcoming Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race,” said Rep. Meyers.

Attached are photos from Beth and Keagan’s winter adventure.

Below is information from the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce about the upcoming race.

*Races begin at 10am on both Saturday and Sunday at the Echo Valley Gravel Pit, which is located 11 miles north of downtown Bayfield on Hwy. 13. **Signage will be posted on Highway 13 north of Bayfield to the site.** This location serves as the start/finish line for the race and is an excellent place to cheer the teams on as they head out on to the trail. There will be a bonfire, warming tent, merchandise sales and concessions at the Echo Valley Gravel Pit. There is one additional spectator site along the course, which follows the Sand River Trail System of Bayfield County. This site is located on Star Route Rd., and will feature a warming fire, a porta-potty and a viewing area.*

Directories with maps and race information will be available at the Bayfield Chamber and Visitor Bureau (42 S. Broad St.) and at local businesses beginning on February 2. The public is welcome at all events. Race organizers kindly request that race spectators leave their pets at home. For more information about the Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race, visit bayfield.org or call 715-779-3335.

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